during 1988-89. The pattern of assistance for these industries are under formulation.

Appointment of Directors of the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited

1165. SHRI KAMALENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Company Law Board has decided to appoint 4 Directors under section 408 of the Companies Act on the Board of Directors of the Peerless General Finance and Investment Co. Ltd.;

(b) whether the Management of the Company has intimated to Company Law Board that the Company has no objection to the nomination of the very same Directors if they are nominated otherwise than under section 408 of the Companies Act and in case it is done, they would withdraw their writ-petition filed in the Calcutta High Court; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Company has offered to co-opt four nominees of the Government (not pursuant to or under section 408 of the Companies Act) on their Board of Directors.

(c) The offer of the Company has not been accepted.

Mismanagement at Mandhar Cement Factory

1166. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the workers of Mandhar Cement Factory of C.C.I. have brought to the notice of Government that top level mismanagement and callous neglect by senior officers have resulted in huge losses to the units;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a wrong gear box was purchased for this unit from Adilabad for lakhs of rupees which is not of any use to the plant;

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the management in this regard; and

(e) if not, when was the gear box purchased, when did it arrive at Mandhar and what use has it been put to since then?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Yerraguntla unit of C.C.I. had ordered two spare gear boxes in 1980-81 as standby for all five 1200 TPD units of C.C.I. To attend to a breakdown, these gear boxes were transferred to Mandhar unit on 17.8.1987 as a contingent measure, but were not used and are now retained as standby at Mandhar.

Payment of interim relief to public sector workers

1167. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finally decided to make payment of interim relief to the public sector workers;

(b) whether Government have considered the demand of the trade unions that interim relief paid now should not be adjusted in the salaries to be worked out through the wage negotiations in the various units;

(c) whether the decision to pay interim relief to workers stipulated